Pact or any other general Amnesty Orders are considered eligible for pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme provided they had undergone actual imprisonment for a period of at least 5 months. No separate record of such persons who have been sanctioned Central pensions under this relaxation has been maintained. The State Governments have their own schemes of pensions for freedom fighters with relaxed criteria of eligibility and the Central Government do not go by such criteria in deciding eligibility for pension under its scheme.

Association of voluntary agencies for redressal of public grievances

1886. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a scheme for associating voluntary agencies for redressal of public grievances in the interest of improving the quality of administration;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner the voluntary associations will be associated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) A proposal to involve voluntary agencies in the redress of public grievances has been mooted recognising that voluntary agencies can act as protagonists of reform to guide and educate the people and to advise Government on reforms, particularly at points of citizen-administration interface. Ministries have been requested to identify voluntary agencies with whom they would like to interact, so that the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances can provide a forum, where the ministries and voluntary agencies can come together and suggest measures for reforms. The process of identification of voluntary agencies has begun.

Pollution due to chemical factories in Faridabad

1887. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether chemical factories in Faridabad are continuously emitting toxic gases; and

(b) what is the extent of damage caused to electric, water and sewage installations by the chlorine and acidic effluents emitted by these factories in Sector 24 in Faridabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) According to the Haryana State Board for Prevention and Control of Pollution 7 chemicals factories in Faridabad were identified as emitting toxic gases. Legal action was initiated against these factories and these have been closed from December, 1984.

(b) No damage to these installation has been reported after the closure of these Units.

Court cases against management of CMERI Durgapur

1888. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a court case against the management of CMERI (Durgapur) in the Bombay High Court by one of its scientists of MERADO, Pune Centre pendi

(b) whether there are any other court cases of similar nature against CMERI management; and

(c) if so, what are the details of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Shri Manish Chanda, Scientist, CMERI - MERADO, Pune has filed a revision petition in Bombay High Court arising out of a suit filed by him in Pune against his transfer from MERADO, Pune to MERADO, Cochin Centre.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of technology parks in India

@1888A. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
PROF. (MRS.) ASIMA CHATTERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have given clearance to Indo-American Capital and Technology Corporation (ICAT) to set up technology parks in India;

(b) if so, what are the objectives of these technology parks;

(c) the priority areas taken up in the first instance;

(d) the location of the parks to be set up in the first place; and

(e) the expected export potential in the computer software?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India has given clearance to Indo-American Capital and Technology Corporation (ICAT) to set up one technology park in India.

(b) The objectives of the proposed technology park are:

(1) To undertake the development of computer software for exports by ICAT; and

(2) to undertake the development of infrastructure facilities to be used by other subsidiary units for developing computer software for exports.

(c) The technology park will specialise in computer software exports.

(d) Pune.

(e) An export target of Rs. 300 crores of computer software from India is envisaged by 1989-90 the terminal year of Seventh Plan.

Pande Committee for improvement in transport system

@@1888-B. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pande Committee which was appointed to suggest ways for the improvement of transport system in the country has made some recommendations to this effect;

(b) whether these recommendations have been discussed in any forum, if so, when;

(c) whether the discussions resulted in any follow up action on the recommendations; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

@Previously unstarred question 1478, transferred from the 10th March, 1986.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1688, transferred from the 12th March, 1986.